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REMARKS

Claims 3-4, 9, 12-15, 17, 24 and 41 were amended to correct multiple dependency. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

Claims 3-4, 9, 12-15, 17, 24 and 41 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) Device according to claim ~~1 or 2~~, characterized in that said activating means comprises first spring means, hereafter named pressure spring means, for moving the canister relative the housing to vent the metered dose chamber and that said return means comprises second spring means, hereafter named return spring means, for moving the canister relative the housing to an unvented position against the force of the first spring means.

4. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ claim 1, characterized in that the activating means and return means of the device are operated when the canister is positioned with its outlet facing downwards in the inhaler.

9. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims,~~ claim 1, characterized in that it comprises detecting/monitoring means for detecting/monitoring the time between activation and deactivation of the canister.

12. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims 10-11,~~ claim 10, characterized in that the second energy system comprises a transmission, by which the force/energy required for releasing said locking means is substantially less than forces/energy required for holding said actuating means in an energised state.

13. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims 10-12,~~ claim 10, characterized in that the force/energy available from said first energy system is adapted such that it is substantially above the variations in force/energy requirements for activating the second energy system.

14. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims 10-13,~~ claim 10, characterized in that said first energy system is calibrated such that the activating means is activated at a predetermined threshold.

15. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims 10-14,~~ claim 10, characterized in that it is arranged in an inhaler, and that the activating means is arranged and adapted such that it is activated upon inhalation.

17. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims 10-14,~~ claim 10, characterized in that it is arranged in a medical injection device, and is arranged and adapted such that the activating means comprises a user-operated means, whereby, upon operation, the release means moves the locking means out of a locking position.

24. (Amended) Device according to ~~claim 22 or 23,~~ characterized in that the moment of the balancing means is substantially the same as the moment of the at least one member.

41. (Amended) Device according to claim 39—~~or 40~~, characterized in that the fixating means comprises a protective cover/lid (628) for holding said mouthpiece in the resting position.